



Re: Local Public Entities and Non-Profit Organization Permit Fee Schedule Amendments

The Cook County Board of Commissioners have passed an Ordinance, revising how the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning will handle fee waivers for public entities and not-for-profit organizations.

Effective December 9, 2012, building and zoning permit fees, including annual and semi-annual inspection fees, will no longer be waived for public entities defined as township, municipality, municipal corporation, school district, forest preserve district, park district, fire protection district, sanitary district, library systems, special districts, all other local governmental bodies and not-for-profits.

These public entities, local governmental bodies and not-for-profit organizations will be required to pay ninety (90) percent of the standard building and zoning permit fees and inspection fees as established by ordinance; effective December 1, 2013, these public entities, local governmental bodies and not-for-profit organizations will be required to pay ninety-five (95) percent of the standard building and zoning permit fees and inspection fees as established by ordinance; and effective December 1, 2014, these public entities, local governmental bodies and not-for-profit organizations will be required to pay one-hundred (100) percent of the standard building and zoning permit fees and inspection fees as established by ordinance.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please call Timothy P. Bleuher, Commissioner, Department of Building and Zoning/Bureau of Economic Development at: (312) 603-0500 or email us at:

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